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Applicant : Yoshii *et al.* Art Unit : Unassigned  
Serial No. : To be assigned Examiner : Unassigned  
Filed : May 9, 2000  
Title : BIOCHIP AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination and calculation of filing fees, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 8, line 2, please delete the recitation of "33b" and substitute therefor --33a--.

At page 8, line 3, please delete the recitation of "30" and substitute therefor --33--.

In the Claims:

In claim 5, line 1, please delete "claims 1-4" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 6, line 1, please delete "claims 1-5" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

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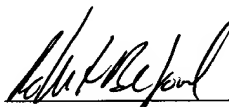
The specification has been amended to address several informalities. In particular, the specification has been amended at page 8, line 2, to substitute "33b" with "33a" and at line 3 to substitute "30" with "33." The amendments were made to correctly refer to the storage medium, which is 33a, and the storage means, which is 33, in Figure 3, and is supported by the specification, for example, at page 7, second paragraph, which recites "the storage medium 33a" and the "storage means 33." Accordingly, no new matter has been added by the amendments.

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to substitute "claims 1-4" with "claim 1" and substitute "claims 1-5" with "claim 1," respectively, in order to correct multiple claim dependency. The amendments were therefore made to address an informality and do not add new matter.

As the amendments to the specification and claims do not add new matter, Applicants respectfully request entry thereof. Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for examination, which action is requested. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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